

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: SUGIYAMA, Kazuhiko et al.

Group Art Unit: 3679

Serial No.: 10/506,671

Examiner: KEE, Fannie C.

Filed: April 7, 2005

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 5308

For: PIPE JOINT

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 11, 2008

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.  
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	32	42	=		\$ 25	X \$ 50	
Independent Claims	11	7	=	4	X \$105	X \$210	840.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					\$185	\$370	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:							840.00

**XX** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the amount of \$840.00 for four additional independent claims fee in connection with this amendment.

**XX** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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In response to the Office Action dated **April 17, 2008**, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 25 of this paper.